

**Herm, Jethou and the Humps Management Plan *final***

**Part One: description, evaluation and rationale**

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## **Foreword**

This management plan follows Ramsar criteria (see Appendix). However, Ramsar designation is currently contingent upon the States of Guernsey approving an application for Ramsar status and its subsequent designation. The management plan will remain the same for the wetland; only the site designation may change.

## **Introduction**

The management plan has been formulated following consultations with the Guernsey public and key stakeholders. Refer to the Ramsar Site Advice Pack and the Ramsar Information Sheet. It follows the adopted Guidelines for management planning for Ramsar sites (see Appendix).

Wetlands are dynamic areas, open to influence from natural and human factors. To maintain their biological diversity and productivity and permit the wise use of their resources by people, an overall agreement is essential between stakeholders. The management planning process provides the mechanism to achieve this.

In developing this management planning, it is important to take into account the wider context of coastal zone and site buffer zone management processes, and interact with these processes so as to ensure that the needs of the site are recognized and fully incorporated in this wider planning and management.

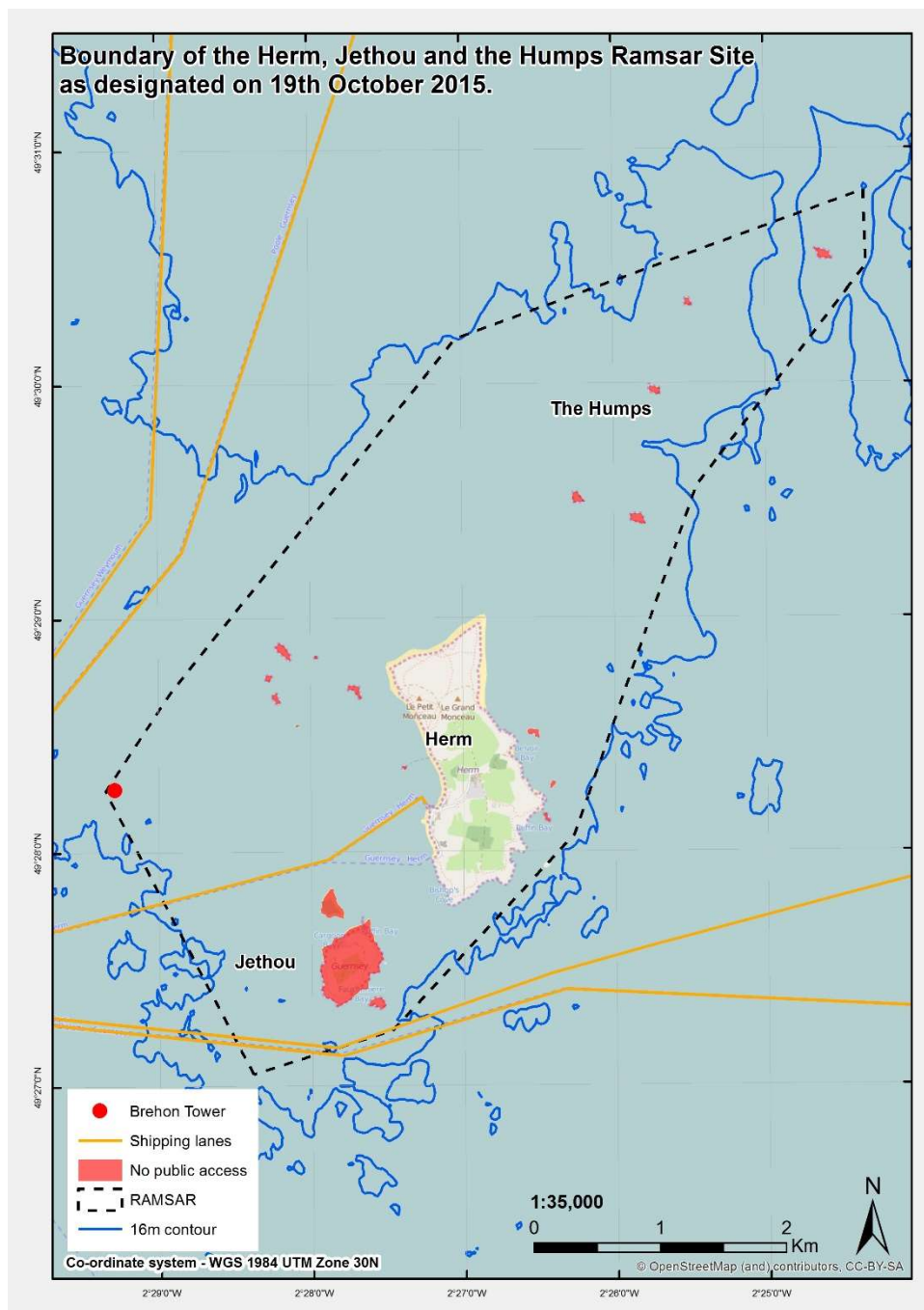
The management plan resides in the stewardship of the States of Guernsey Environment Department, which will ensure the continuing planning, management, monitoring, review and reporting process and the inclusive consultation. It is proposed

that the plan will have an initial cycle of 15 years, to facilitate continuity and sustainability.

## **Preamble/Policy**

The Ramsar Convention requires the maintenance of the ecological character of the site, its wise use and the establishment of a site management plan within three years of designation. It is the policy of the States of Guernsey to promote biodiversity, responsible tourism and sea fisheries, by voluntary codes of practice, and the latter, by regulation. The site is subject to local planning regulations.

Guernsey is not subject to the laws of either the European Union or the United Kingdom. However, there are measures for sharing best practice with the UK and within the Channel Islands.



## Description

Herm, Jethou and The Humps is part of the UK Crown Dependency of Guernsey, lying five kilometres east of the island of Guernsey. It is a shallow and dynamic marine ecosystem comprising a small archipelago of islands (Herm and Jethou) and rocky islets

(including the six “Humps”, an extensive intertidal zone and shallow seas. It lies within the Atlantic biogeographic region and the Celtic Seas Marine Ecosystem of the World (MEOW), at 49degrees, 30 minutes N and 20 degrees, 28 minutes W.

Guernsey’s geographic location and its large tidal differences create and support a diverse range of habitats. The convergence of cold (Boreal) and warm (Lusitanian) currents also supports an array of species, including rich plankton currents, which flow eastward from the Atlantic to the North Sea. The site has an exceptionally large tidal range. At up to 10 metres, it is amongst the largest in the world and the intertidal zone is particularly large and biodiverse and significant tidal races support further niche diversity. Several important habitats are present, including Eelgrass (*Zostera*) beds, Maerl beds, and shallow reef systems, which may provide spawning grounds for fish such as Sea Bass and Black Sea Bream. The site is contiguous with benthic and pelagic habitats, supporting flatfish, shellfish and seabirds, Atlantic Grey Seal, the Endangered Basking Shark and 4 species of cetacean. The coastlines provide breeding sites for 9 species of seabird and Atlantic Grey Seal.

The site is located within the Normand-Breton Gulf, which is a large marine area in the western part of the English Channel, including French marine waters (Bay of Saint Malo) and British (Channel islands) marine waters. This area of over 11, 000 km<sup>2</sup> comprises numerous marine protected areas with six Ramsar sites, of which 5 are in the Channel Islands and Natura2000 sites, French designation sites and a marine nature park is proposed in French waters.

In terms of human geography, fishing (commercial and recreational) within the site is of high cultural, economic and traditional importance to the population of Guernsey. There are significant archaeological and historical features and the site is, in part, a tourist destination. There are about 60,000 visits each year to Herm.

Justification for Ramsar designation is made under Criterion1. It is proposed that the site is representative of the biogeographic region, with a rarity created by the particular conditions of ocean currents and a particularly high tidal range. Some data to establish management objectives remain incomplete. Collection of more detailed data will be necessary on habitat distribution and extent; invertebrate populations and distribution and on fish spawning sites, as will data on the effects on these of human activities.

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## **Evaluation**



Evaluation is the process of identifying or confirming the important features or foci for management planning. The evaluation of important features is undertaken for each of four major areas of interest:

1. Ecological character
2. Socio-economic character
3. Cultural character
4. Any other identified character.

## **1. Evaluation of ecological character (habitats, species and natural processes)**

### **1. Wetland types**

#### **Marine, tidal**

##### **Size**

The whole site is small, extending to 1,803 hectares.

##### **Biological diversity**

The confluence of ocean currents and the wide tidal range, amongst the largest in the world, create a wide diversity of ecological niches and high levels of productivity.

##### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

##### **Rarity**

This a rare element of the biogeographic region due to the particularly dynamic currents and tidal range.

##### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity.

##### **Typicalness**

The habitat and suite of species is representative of the biogeographic region. However, the site is particularly dynamic and productive, forming 0.2% of the Normand- Breton Gulf, but, for example, regularly holding 4.6% of its breeding seabirds.

### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Continuing fishery regulation and voluntary codes of conduct. Profile/awareness-raising, codes of conduct for sustainable tourism and recreation.

### **Coastal rocky shore (intertidal)**

#### **Size**

The intertidal zone is particularly extensive, given the 10 metre tidal range.

#### **Biological diversity**

The confluence of ocean currents and the wide tidal range create a wide diversity of ecological niches and high levels of productivity.

#### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

#### **Rarity**

A rare element of the biogeographic region due to the particularly dynamic currents and tidal range.

#### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity.

#### **Typicalness**

The habitat and suite of species is representative of the biogeographic region. However, the site is particularly dynamic and productive.

**Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Continuing fishery regulation and voluntary codes of practice. Codes of practice for shore gathering, sustainable tourism and recreation. Profile/awareness-raising,

**Coastal, sand/mud shore (intertidal)****Size**

The intertidal zone is extensive, given the 10 metre tidal range.

**Biological diversity**

The confluence of ocean currents and the wide tidal range create a wide diversity of ecological niches and high levels of productivity.

**Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

**Rarity**

A rare aspect of the biogeographic region due to the particularly dynamic currents and tidal range.

**Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity.

**Typicalness**

The habitat and suite of species is representative of the biogeographic region. However, the site is particularly dynamic and productive.

**Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Continuing fishery regulation and voluntary codes of conduct. Codes of practice for shore gathering, sustainable tourism and recreation. Profile/awareness-raising.

**Coastal cliff, soft/hard**

**Size**

Narrow fringe to islands and rocky islets.

**Biological diversity**

Provide nesting sites for 9 species of seabirds. Small remnants of coastal heathland, reduced by invasive alien plant species.

**Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

**Rarity**

Representative.

**Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change and human activity, particularly the introduction of alien invasive plant species and disturbance to nesting birds.

**Typicalness**

The habitat and suite of species is representative of the biogeographic region.

**Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Management of alien invasive plant species. Voluntary codes of practice for bird watchers/walkers. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

**Coastal, coarse sand and gravels (intertidal)****Size**

The intertidal zone is extensive, given the 10 metre tidal range. Extent and distribution requires further information.

**Biological diversity**

The confluence of ocean currents and the wide tidal range create a wide diversity of ecological niches and high levels of productivity. The Green Flatworm *Symsagittifera roscoffensis* occurs.

### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

### **Rarity**

A rare habitat in the Channel Islands.

### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity, especially trampling.

### **Typicalness**

The habitat and suite of species is representative of the biogeographic region. However, the site is particularly dynamic and productive.

### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Continuing fishery regulation and voluntary codes of conduct.

Management measures to avoid trampling. Potentially use *Symsagittifera roscoffensis* population to monitor habitat quality. Profile/awareness-raising, Sustainable tourism.

## **Coastal heathland**

### **Size**

Herm has the largest area of this habitat in Guernsey.

### **Biological diversity**

Typical species diversity.

### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

### **Rarity**

Under-represented in Guernsey, where it suffers from significant alien invasives. Three species occur, which are rare in the Channel Islands – Scrambled Egg Lichen [*Fulgensia fulgens*], ploughman's Spikenard [*Inula conyza*], and Sweet Briar [*Rosa lubiginosa*].

### **Fragility**

Sensitive to climate change, human activities, fluctuating densities of rabbit grazing and several species of alien invasive plants. Goat introductions in the past have been detrimental

### **Typicalness**

The habitat and suite of species is representative of the biogeographic region.

### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Manipulation and management of the rabbit population. Management of alien invasive plant species. Voluntary code of conduct for walkers and quiet recreation. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

## **2. Species and species communities**

### **Flora**

#### **Golden Kelp *Laminaria ochroleuca***

### **Size**

Population and distribution unrecorded.

### **Biological diversity**

Sub-tidal, reef-forming, potentially supporting a range of marine invertebrates and spawning fish.

### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

### **Rarity**

UK BAP list. At northern edge of Lusitanian range.

### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature]] and human activity, particularly bottom-acting fishing gear.

### **Typicalness**

The species is representative of the biogeographic region.

### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Survey of extent and distribution, other species benefits, monitoring. Ongoing fisheries regulation and voluntary codes of practice. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

## **Dwarf Eelgrass *Zostera noltei***

### **Size**

Population and distribution not fully recorded.

### **Biological diversity**

Intertidal, reef/"lawn"-forming, potentially supporting a range of marine invertebrates and 100 Dark-bellied Brent Goose (Herm).

### **Naturalness**

### **Rarity**

UK BAP list.

### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity, particularly trampling

### **Typicalness**

The species is representative of the biogeographic region.

**Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Survey of extent and distribution, other species benefits, monitoring. Ongoing fisheries regulation and voluntary codes of practice. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

**Common Eelgrass *Zostera marina***

**Size**

Population and distribution unrecorded.

**Biological diversity**

Sub-tidal, reef-forming, supporting a range of marine invertebrates and spawning fish.

**Naturalness**

**Rarity**

UK BAP list.

**Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity, particularly bottom-acting fishing gear.

**Typicalness**

The species is representative of the biogeographic region.

**Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Survey of extent and distribution, other species benefits, monitoring. Ongoing fisheries regulation and voluntary codes of practice. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.



## **Eelgrass beds**

### **Size**

Extent and distribution unrecorded.

### **Biological diversity**

Two species are present across a wide tidal range, forming beds which are both sub-tidal and intertidal, increasing the diversity of marine species and communities supported by the reefs and “lawns”, including 500 Dark-bellied Brent Goose at Herm, the largest wintering flock in Guernsey.

### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

### **Rarity**

UK BAP species.

### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity (bottom-acting fishing gear, trampling, shore gathering).

### **Typicalness**

Representative of the biogeographic region.

### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Survey of extent and distribution, other species benefits, monitoring. Ongoing fisheries regulation and voluntary codes of practice. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

### **Maerl beds**

#### **Size**

Extent and distribution not recorded. Possibly only occurs in buffer zones.

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#### **Biological diversity**

Encrusting algae form reefs at depths c.20 metres. Support marine communities and potentially spawning fish.

#### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

#### **Rarity**

Annex I EU Habitats Directive; UK priority BAP habitat.

#### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity (bottom-acting fishing gear).

#### **Typicalness**

Representative of the biogeographic region.

#### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Survey of extent and distribution, other species benefits, monitoring. Ongoing fisheries regulation and voluntary codes of practice. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

## **Fauna**

### **Biogenic bivalve reefs**

#### **Size**

Extent and distribution not recorded.

#### **Biological diversity**

Intertidal and sub-tidal, formed of Green Ormer (*Haliotis tuberculata* and Razor Clam (*Ensis ensis*), supporting a range of marine invertebrates, to be determined.

#### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities, particularly shore-gathering.

#### **Rarity**

Green Ormer occurs at the northern edge of its range and in the UK is found only in the Channel Islands.

#### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity, especially shore-gathering and digging. Shore gathering of Ormers is a local tradition.

#### **Typicalness**

The habitat and suite of species [to be determined] is representative of the biogeographic region.

#### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Survey of extent and distribution, monitoring. Ongoing fishery regulation and voluntary shore gathering code of practice. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

### **Marine invertebrates**

#### **Size**

Benthic, pelagic and intertidal zones.

#### **Biological diversity**

No species list or distribution recorded.

#### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

#### **Rarity**

Unknown.

#### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity.

#### **Typicalness**

The habitat and suite of species [to be determined] is presumably representative of the biogeographic region, but the confluence of ocean currents and the wide tidal range create a particularly wide diversity of ecological niches and high levels of productivity.

#### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Survey of species, extent and distribution, monitoring Profile/awareness-raising,

### **Seabirds**

#### **Size**

c. 1000 pairs of 11 species breed.

### **Biological diversity**

Nesting species: Manx Shearwater [*Puffinus puffinus*], Northern Fulmar(*Fulmarus glacialis*)European Shag(*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*), Great Cormorant(*Phalacrocorax carbo*)Common Guillemot (*Uria aalge*), Common Razorbill (*Alca torda*), Northern Puffin (*Fratercula arctica*), Common Tern(*Sterna hirundo*), Lesser Black-backed Gull(*Larus fuscus*, subsp. *graelsii*), Great Black-backed Gull(*Larus marinus*), Herring Gull( *Larus argentatus*). European Storm Petrel (*Hydrobates pelagica*) bred formerly and could potentially return.

### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

### **Rarity**

European Shag and Lesser Black-backed Gull, subsp *graelsii* have restricted ranges in the North Atlantic. Lesser Black-backed Gull is Appendix III Bern Convention. All species are UK BAP listed.

### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity, especially alien invasive species nest predation (Brown Rat) – on Jethou and Grande Fauconniere; sea fisheries and disturbance of nest sites and feeding areas.

### **Typicalness**

The suite of species is representative of the biogeographic region. However, the site is particularly dynamic and productive, forming in area 0.2% of the Normand- Breton Gulf, but regularly holding 4.6% of its breeding seabirds.

### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Continuing programme of survey, monitoring and research [ringing] – population, distribution and breeding success. Control/eradication of Brown Rat *Rattus norvegicus*

in Jethou. Ongoing fishery regulation and voluntary codes of conduct for walking, bird watching and recreational boating, recreational fishing and outdoor pursuits, sustainable tourism. Profile/awareness-raising

## **Fish**

### **Size**

Populations and full species list unrecorded.

### **Biological diversity**

Species include: Mackerel *Scomber scombrus*, Sea Bass *Dicentrarchus labrax*, Black Sea Bream *Spondyliosoma cantharus*, North Atlantic Salmon *Salmo salar*, Pollack *Pollachius polacchius*, Sandeel *Ammodytes spp*, Oceanic Sunfish *Mola mola*, and Basking Shark *Cetorhinus maximus*.

### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities (selective species removal).

### **Rarity**

Basking Shark – the NE Atlantic sub-population is IUCN-listed, Endangered.

### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity, especially commercial and recreational fishing.

### **Typicalness**

Representative of the biogeographic region.

### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Programme of survey, monitoring and research– population, distribution and breeding success. Ongoing commercial fishery regulation and voluntary codes of practice for recreational fishing, recreational boating, and outdoor pursuits. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

### **Atlantic Grey Seal *Halichoerus grypus***

#### **Size**

A small population of 40-60 adults and pups, particularly on and around Grande Amfroque (Humps).

#### **Biological diversity**

Not applicable.

#### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

#### **Rarity**

Appendix III Bern Convention, UK BAP.

#### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity (commercial and recreational fishing).

#### **Typicalness**

Representative of the biogeographic region.

#### **Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Programme of survey, monitoring and research– population, distribution and breeding success. Ongoing fishery regulation and voluntary codes of conduct for recreational

boating, recreational fishing and outdoor pursuits. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

## **Cetaceans**

### **Size**

Fewer than 10 of each species recorded annually [to be confirmed].

### **Biological diversity**

Four species are recorded:

Harbour Porpoise *Phocoena phocoena*

Common Dolphin *Delphinus delphis*

Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*

Risso's Dolphin *Grampus griseus*

### **Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities.

### **Rarity**

Common Dolphin – Annex IV EU Habitats Directive.

Bottlenose Dolphin – Appendix III Bern Convention, CITES Appendix II. Annex IV EU Habitats Directive.

### **Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change [sea level rise, storminess, water turbidity, temperature] and human activity (commercial and recreational fishing, commercial and recreational boating, outdoor pursuits). Noise pollution and direct disturbance.



**Typicalness**

Representative of the biogeographic region.

**Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

Programme of survey, monitoring and research– population, distribution and breeding success. Ongoing fishery regulation and voluntary codes of conduct for recreational boating, recreational fishing and outdoor pursuits. Profile/awareness-raising, sustainable tourism.

**3. Natural processes****Size**

The site is small, extending to 1802.92 hectares.

**Biological diversity**

The confluence of ocean currents and the wide tidal range, amongst the largest in the world, create a wide diversity of ecological niches and high levels of productivity.

**Naturalness**

Natural, subject to human activities, particularly global climate change.

**Rarity**

The confluence of warm and cold ocean currents and the wide tidal range is rare.

**Fragility**

Susceptibility to global climate change - sea level changes, realignment of ocean currents, increased storminess.

**Typicalness**

The exceptionally wide tidal range and the confluence of warm and cold ocean currents is not typical of the biogeographical region, although the habitats and species composition is.

**Potential for improvement and/or restoration**

The challenge of climate change is beyond the scope of this management plan. Profile/awareness-raising might contribute to a greater understanding of the wider need to change mankind's carbon usage and atmospheric pollution.

**4. Evaluation of Socio-economic character**

All of those aspects of character that are current and traditional are treated as Interest Features of the site, although in some cases, they are treated as Activities (factors) which might affect Interest Features and some management of the activity might be needed.

**Sea fisheries****Goods and Services**

Local employment.

Economic activity throughout the community.

Food supply.

**Mariculture****Goods and Services**

Local employment.

Economic activity.

### **Potential for Management**

Voluntary code of practice.

**Tourism [ecotourism, outdoor pursuits, quiet recreation, camping, beach, walking]**

### **Goods and Services**

Local employment.

Indigenous community recreation.

Economic activity throughout the community.

### **Potential for Management**

Voluntary codes of practice

### **Potential for Management**

Continuing regulation of commercial fishery.

Enhanced voluntary code of practice for recreational fishing, including shore gathering.

Promotion of products.

### **Commercial shipping**

### **Goods and Services**

Local employment.

Import and exports.

Tourist transport (access to services).

Economic activity throughout the community.

### **Potential for Management**

Pollution control – chemical, underwater noise, wash.

Zoning – shipping lanes, avoidance of Interest Features.

**Tourism [ecotourism, outdoor pursuits, quiet recreation, camping, beach, walking]**

### **Goods and Services**

Local employment.

Indigenous community recreation.

Economic activity throughout the community.

### **Potential for Management**

Voluntary codes of practice

### **Tenancies, legal agreements**

**Goods and Services [employment, economy, food supply,**

Economic activity throughout the community.

Local employment.

Tourism support.

Long –term secure potential for investment and delivery of services, investment and positive management.

### **Potential for Management**

Use of mutually agreeable tenancy and other agreements (leases, licences) as a positive enabling management tool as a means of effectively delivering the management plan.

### **Power generation, cables**

#### **Goods and Services**

Local employment.

Energy and telecommunications supply.

Economic activity throughout the community.

### **Potential for Management**

Avoidance of damaging activities.

Use of bathymetric and other investigations to benefit understanding of the ecological character of the site.

Planning consents.

Planning and Environmental Assessment-contribution to /enhancement of the ecological character of the site and community benefits.

## **5. Evaluation of Cultural character**

All of those aspects of character that are current and traditional are treated as Interest Features of the site, although in some cases, they are treated as Activities (factors) which might affect Interest Features and some management of the activity might be needed.

## **Recreation**

### **Cultural value**

Traditional activities. Recreational fishing, boating and informal holiday-making. Herm is a very popular local holiday destination for Guernsey people.

### **Potential for Management**

Voluntary codes of practice.

Inclusive discussions on new proposed activities or increases in activity, on assumption that environmentally sustainable practice is supported at the site.

## **Land Use**

### **Cultural value**

Local pride and stewardship.

### **Potential for Management**

Planning and building control.

Pollution and effluent control

Planning gain

Voluntary codes of practice.

## **Shore gathering**

### **Cultural value**

Traditional activity, especially for Ormers is an important part of local people's sense of identity.

### **Potential for Management**

Voluntary codes of practice, including avoidance of disturbance to the substrate and non-target species.

Inclusive discussions on new proposed activities or increases in activity, on assumption that environmentally sustainable practice is supported at the site.

### **History/archaeology/buildings/shipwrecks**

#### **Cultural value**

Local heritage.

#### **Potential for Management**

Education and promotion for local people and tourists.

Improve understanding of value of shipwrecks as reefs for marine life and fish spawning.

#### **Landscape**

#### **Cultural value**

Appreciation of wildness, beauty and pride in place.

Wellbeing/peace and quiet.

#### **Potential for Management**

Land Use planning and beneficial ecological management.

Mass tourism management.

Buildings and manmade structures planning control.

## **6. Evaluation of Any other identified character**

### **Value**

Exemplar of stakeholder involvement and site management.

### **Potential for Management**

Marine ecological survey and research programme by a university or other institution.

Opportunity for education and promotion.

Opportunity for sharing practice, especially on wetland and inclusive conservation management elsewhere in the Bailiwick and within the Channel Islands.

### **Rationale**

This section of the plan is devoted to identifying and describing, in outline, the management considered necessary to maintain the site features in (or restore them to) favourable status. Decisions in this section are based on a second assessment of the factors. This time, the discussion focuses on seeking solutions to manage the factors (activities). Manage can mean the maintenance, control or removal of factors.

The evaluation identified a list of the important site features.

### **Objectives**



This section deals with the development of operational objectives and associated management projects to ensure that management adequate to meet the purposes of the site is provided.

### **Wetland types**

To prepare management objectives for each of these features.

### **Objectives**

#### **Objective 1**

To ensure compliance with legal and other obligations (for example, Health and Safety regulations, planning, common law).

#### **Objective 2**

##### **Conservation Objective**

To ensure that all habitats and species are maintained at favourable conservation status [below].

***This objective applies to each of the identified site features, for which individual operational objectives are given below (page 34).***

***Habitats*** are in favourable conservation status when:

- Stable or increasing in area;
- Sustainable in the long term;
- Condition of typical species is also favourable; and
- Factors that affect the habitat or its typical species are under control.

***Species*** are in favourable conservation status when:

- Population is viable in the long term;
- The range is not contracting;

- Sufficient habitat exists to support the species in the long term; and
- Factors that affect the habitat, or its typical species, are under control.

### **Objective 3**

To ensure that human activities and/or practices are maintained at favourable status [below] within the site and/or the buffer zone

An activity is in favourable status when

Existing codes of practice or regulation are practised, with regard to their sustainability and all relevant site features are at favourable conservation status.

### **Objective 2.1 Marine, tidal**

To maintain the habitat at favourable condition status.

- Habitat is stable or increasing in area[to be determined]
- Sustainable in the long term[monitoring [to be determined]
- Condition of typical species is also favourable [see Species Objectives].
- Factors that affect the habitat or its typical species are under control –
  - Regulated commercial fishery.
  - Commercial shipping.
  - Power generation, cables.
  - Recreational boating.
  - Diving.
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering.

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

***Generic factors are:***

**Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

**Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, shore gathering, tourism and recreation, the spread of invasive alien species, on-site pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal. Power production /cable development. Sea defence.

**External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

**External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution, development,

**Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations (fisheries and shipping/navigational), voluntary codes of practice [fishing, boating. Tradition of fishing, boating, holiday-making in Herm and shore gathering.

**Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Capacity is constrained.

### **Objective 2.2 Coastal rocky shore (intertidal)**

To maintain the habitat at favourable condition status.

- Habitat is stable or increasing in area[to be determined]
- Sustainable in the long term[monitoring to be determined]
- Condition of typical species is also favourable [see Species Objectives].
- Factors that affect the habitat or its typical species are under control –
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering.
  - Mariculture.
  - Recreational activities.

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, shore gathering [selective species removal], tourism and recreation [trampling], the spread of invasive alien species, on-site pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal. Sea defence.

### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution, development,

### **Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations [fishing and navigation]. Voluntary codes of practice [fishing, boating]. Tradition of fishing, boating, holiday-making in Herm and shore gathering.

Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Capacity is constrained.

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### **Objective 2.3 Coastal, sand/mud shore (intertidal)**

To maintain the habitat at favourable condition status.

- Habitat is stable or increasing in area[to be determined]
- Sustainable in the long term[monitoring to be determined]
- Condition of typical species is also favourable [see Species Objectives].
- Factors that affect the habitat or its typical species are under control –
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering.
  - Mariculture.
  - Recreational activities.

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, shore gathering [selective species removal], tourism and recreation [trampling], the spread of invasive alien species, on-site pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal. Sea defence.

**External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

**External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution, development,

**Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations [fishery, navigation]. Voluntary codes of practice [fishing, boating, recreation]. Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

**Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

**Institutional factors**

Capacity is constrained.

**Objective 2.4 Coastal cliff, soft/hard**

To maintain the habitat at favourable condition status -

- Habitat is stable or increasing in area[to be determined]
- Sustainable in the long term[monitoring to be determined]
- Condition of typical species is also favourable [see Species Objectives].
- Factors that affect the habitat or its typical species are under control –
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering.
  - Evasive alien species.
  - Recreational activities.

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

#### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

#### **Internal human-induced factors**

Tourism and recreation. The spread of invasive alien species, on-site pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal. Disturbance, trampling. Boat access to The Humps.

#### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, storminess].

#### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, storminess]. Pollution, development,

#### **Legislation and tradition**



Local laws, policies, voluntary codes of practice [fishing, boating, recreation].  
Voluntary codes of practice [recreation]. Tradition of recreation and tourism.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Capacity and budgets are constrained.

## **Objective 2.5 Coastal, coarse sand and gravels (intertidal)**

To maintain the habitat at favourable condition status.

- Habitat is stable or increasing in area[to be determined]
- Sustainable in the long term[monitoring to be determined]
- Condition of typical species is also favourable [see Species Objectives].
- Factors that affect the habitat or its typical species are under control –
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering.
  - Mariculture.
  - Recreational activities.

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

**Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

**Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, shore gathering [selective species removal], tourism and recreation [trampling], the spread of invasive alien species, on-site pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal. Sea defence.

**External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

**External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution, development,

**Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations fishing]. Voluntary codes of practice [fishing, recreation]. Tradition of fishing, boating and shore gathering. Pollution

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Capacity is constrained.

### **Objective 2.6 Coastal heathland**

To maintain the habitat at favourable condition status.

- Habitat is stable or increasing in area[to be determined]
- Habitat is sustainable in the long term[monitoring to be determined]
- Condition of typical species is also favourable
- Factors that affect the habitat or its typical species are under control –
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering.
  - Rabbit grazing
  - Invasive alien species.
  - Recreational activities.

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

*This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.*

### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

### **Internal human-induced factors**

The spread of invasive alien species [plants and goats], on-site pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal. Recreation and tourism [trampling, disturbance]

### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change

### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change

### **Legislation and tradition**

Local laws, policies. Voluntary codes of practice [recreation]. Tradition of recreation and local tourism.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Capacity is constrained.

### **Species and Habitats**

## **Objective 2.7 Golden Kelp *Laminaria ochroleuca***

To maintain the species at favourable conservation status

### **Required feature condition**

Objective2.6 -

- Population [to be determined] is viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].
- Sufficient habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery, particularly the use of bottom-acting gear.
  - Invasive alien species.
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering (codes of practice)

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

#### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

#### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial fishery, shore gathering [selective species removal], the spread of invasive alien species, on-site pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal.

**External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

**External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution.

**Legislation and tradition**

Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

**Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

**Institutional factors**

Local capacity is constrained.

**Objective 2.8 Dwarf Eelgrass *Zostera noltei***

To maintain the species at favourable conservation status

**Required feature condition**

- Population [to be determined] is viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].
- Sufficient habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery, particularly the use of bottom-acting gear.
  - Diving.
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering (codes of practice)

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

#### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

#### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, shore gathering [selective species removal], tourism and recreation [trampling], the spread of invasive alien species, on-site pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal. Recreation. Sea defence.

#### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

#### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution.

### **Legislation and tradition**

Local laws, policies and commercial fishery regulations. Voluntary codes of conduct [fishery] Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Local capacity is constrained.

### **Objective 2.9 Common Eelgrass *Zostera marina***

The species is maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Required feature condition**

- Population [to be determined] is viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].



- Sufficient habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery, particularly the use of bottom-acting gear.
  - Diving.
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering (codes of practice)

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

*This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.*

### **Required feature condition**

The species is maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

*This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.*

### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial fishery, shore the spread of invasive alien species, pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal.

### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

#### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution.

#### **Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and commercial fishery regulations. Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

#### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

#### **Institutional factors**

Capacity is constrained.

### **2.10 Eelgrass beds**

The species is maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Required feature condition**

- Population [to be determined] is viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].
- Sufficient habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery, particularly the use of bottom-acting gear.
  - Diving.
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering (codes of practice)

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

#### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

#### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, shore gathering [selective species removal], tourism and recreation [trampling], the spread of invasive alien species, pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal. Sea defence.

#### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

#### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution, development,

#### **Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations. Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

#### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

#### **Institutional factors**

Local capacity constraints.

### **2.11 Maerl beds**

The species is maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Required feature condition**

- Population [to be determined] is viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].
- Sufficient habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery, particularly the use of bottom-acting gear.
  - Diving.

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

#### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

#### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial fishery. The spread of invasive alien species, on-site pollution, including agricultural run-off, diving, waste disposal. Sea defence.

#### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

#### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution.

### **Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations. Voluntary codes of conduct [fishing, diving]. Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making, diving and shore gathering.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Local capacity constraints.

### **2.12 Biogenic bivalve reefs**

The species is maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Required feature condition**

- Population [to be determined] is viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].

- Sufficient habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery, particularly the use of bottom-acting gear.
  - Diving.
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering (codes of practice)

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

#### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

#### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, shore gathering [selective species removal], tourism and recreation [trampling], the spread of invasive alien species, pollution, including agricultural run-off, diving, waste disposal. Sea defence.

#### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

#### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution.

### **Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations. Voluntary codes of practice [fishing, recreation] Tradition of fishing, boating, diving, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Local capacity constraints.

### **2.13 Marine invertebrates**

The species [to be determined] are maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Required feature condition**

- Populations [to be determined] are viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range of species [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].
- Sufficient habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].



- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery, particularly the use of bottom-acting gear.
  - Diving.
  - Recreational fishing, shore-gathering(codes of practice)

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

#### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

#### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, shore gathering [selective species removal], tourism and recreation [trampling], the spread of invasive alien species, pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal.

#### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

#### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution.

#### **Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations. Voluntary codes of conduct [fishing, diving] Tradition of fishing, recreation, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Local capacity constraints

## **2.14 Seabirds**

The species are maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Required feature condition**

- Populations [1,000 breeding pairs of 11 species] are viable in the long-term [annual monitoring].
- The range of species [11] is not contracting [annual monitoring].
- Sufficient undisturbed nesting habitat exists and food supply exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [food supply monitoring to be determined].

- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery.
  - Recreational fishing.
  - Pollution.
  - Walking, bird watching.

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations.

### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery. Tourism and recreation [disturbance], the spread of invasive alien species, pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal.

### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution, development.

### **Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (eg EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations. Voluntary codes of

practice [fishing, recreation] Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making, recreation [bird watching, walking, boating] and shore gathering.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Local capacity constraints.

## **2.15 Fish**

The species are maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Required feature condition**

- Populations [to be determined] are viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined, including catch sizes].
- The range of species [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].
- Sufficient undisturbed nesting habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery.
  - Recreational fishing.
  - Pollution.

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations and habitat succession.

### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, shore gathering [selective species removal], tourism and recreation [trampling], the spread of invasive alien species, pollution, including agricultural run-off, waste disposal. Sea defence.

### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution, development,

### **Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations [fishery, navigation]. Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Local capacity constraints.

#### **Objective 2.16 Green Ormer** *Haliotis tuberculata*,)

The species is maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Required feature condition**

- Population [to be determined] is viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range of the species [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].
- Sufficient habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Shore gathering.
  - Recreational activities.
  - Recreational boating
  - Commercial shipping.
  - Pollution.
  - Disturbance of breeding sites, feeding activity and movements.

#### **2.17 Atlantic Grey Seal** *Halichoerus grypus*

The species is maintained at favourable conservation status.

### **Required feature condition**

- Population [40-60 individuals] is viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range of the species [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].
- Sufficient undisturbed breeding habitat exists [to be determined] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery.
  - Recreational fishing.
  - Recreational boating
  - Commercial shipping.
  - Pollution.
  - Disturbance of breeding sites, feeding activity and movements.

### **Factors that might influence the feature**

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

#### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations.

#### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, tourism and recreation [disturbance], pollution.

#### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

**External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution.

**Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations. Voluntary codes of practice [boating, fishing] Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

**Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

**Institutional factors**

Local capacity constraints.

**2.18 Cetaceans**

The species are maintained at favourable conservation status.



### **Required feature condition**

- Populations [to be determined] are viable in the long-term [monitoring to be determined].
- The range of species [to be determined] is not contracting [monitoring to be determined].
- Sufficient undisturbed habitat exists [pelagic zone] to support the species in the long term [monitoring to be determined].
- Factors that affect the species are under control:
  - Regulated commercial fishery.
  - Recreational fishing.
  - Recreational boating
  - Commercial shipping.
  - Pollution.

***This builds on and rationalises the assessment of activities and features contained in the Advice Pack.***

### **Internal natural factors**

Natural population fluctuations.

### **Internal human-induced factors**

Commercial and recreational fishery, commercial shipping, recreational boating. Tourism.

### **External [including buffer zone] natural factors**

Effects of climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity].

### **External [including buffer zone] human-induced factors**

Effects of anthropogenic climate change [sea level rise, currents, sea temperature, storminess, turbidity]. Pollution.

### **Legislation and tradition**

International commitments and the effects of those placed on others (*eg* EU Fisheries policy). Local laws, policies and regulations. Voluntary codes of conduct [fishing, boating]. Tradition of fishing, boating, local holiday-making and shore gathering.

### **Conflicts/communality of interest**

Consultations have helped to create a communality of interest. Consultation will continue.

### **Institutional factors**

Local capacity constraints.

## **Appendix – New Guidelines for management planning for Ramsar sites**

**See:**

[http://archive.ramsar.org/cda/ramsar/display/main/main.jsp?zn=ramsar&cp=1-31-107%5E21393\\_4000\\_0](http://archive.ramsar.org/cda/ramsar/display/main/main.jsp?zn=ramsar&cp=1-31-107%5E21393_4000_0)